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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Preliminary Amendment and favorably consider the application as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment For Claim Amendments

The following is a marked-up version of the claim amendments with brackets indicating deletions and underlining indicating additions.

- 10. (AMENDED) A colored coating for an article as described in claim 12 [8], wherein the transparent base of the first and second layers is selected from the group of polymers consisting of acrylics, Polyvinylidene Fluorides, urethanes, polycarbonates, and ionomers.
 - 15. (AMENDED) An exterior body panel for an automotive vehicle part comprising: a body structure substrate;
 - a color coating joined to said body structure, said coating including
- a first layer of <u>ionomer</u> polymeric material with a transparent base which has been pigmented to a desired color and then having been extruded, and
- a second layer of <u>ionomer</u> polymeric material with a transparent base which is co-extruded with said first layer.
- 24. (AMENDED) A method of producing a colored coating for an article as described in claim 23 [22], wherein the transparent base of the first and second layers is selected from the group of polymers consisting of acrylics, Polyvinylidene Fluorides, urethanes, polycarbonates, and ionomers.

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37. (AMENDED) A method of producing an article with a colored polymeric coating as described in claim 39 [35], wherein the transparent base of the polymeric coating material of said first and second layers is selected from the group of polymers consisting of acrylics, Polyvinylidene Fluorides, urethanes, polycarbonates, and ionomers.

- 38. (AMENDED) A method of producing an article with a colored polymeric coating as described in claim 35 [37], wherein the transparent base polymeric material of the first and second layers are ionomers.
- 39. (NEW) A method of producing an article with a colored polymeric coating as described in claim 35, further including adding metallic flakes to the first supply of transparent base polymeric material, passing the first supply of polymeric material into an extrusion die, and heating an upper surface of said first polymeric coating material in said die before co-extrusion with said second layer.